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1. HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS REPORTS AUDIENCE OF 800 TO 1000 VERY ENTHUSIASTIC. "THEY WERE TERRIFIC." TWO TV EXPOSURES, ONE FOR TEN MINUTES, PLUS COVERAGE BY EIGHT RADIO STATIONS.

2. KAISER ALUMINUM, OAKLAND, REPORTS "ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONDS FROM OAKLAND BLACK COMMUNITY IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE DEMONSTRATED BY VISITORS.....PERFORMANCE PROFESSIONALLY PRESENTED.....ENHANCED BY MEANINGFUL COMMENTARIES BY REAGON AND DYSON.....BECAUSE OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF KAISER ALUMINUM PEOPLE WITH GHANA, PERFORMANCE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES.....ESTIMATED 1000 VIEWED TWO PERFORMANCES."

3. ACQUAYE REPORTS VERY EMOTIONAL ST. LOUIS AUDIENCE RESPONSE WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CORRECT STEREOTYPES
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ABOUT AFRICA WITH YOUNG VIEWERS. GROUP TIRED BUT ALWAYS

SET WHEN PERFORMANCE TIME ARRIVES. KISSINGER

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